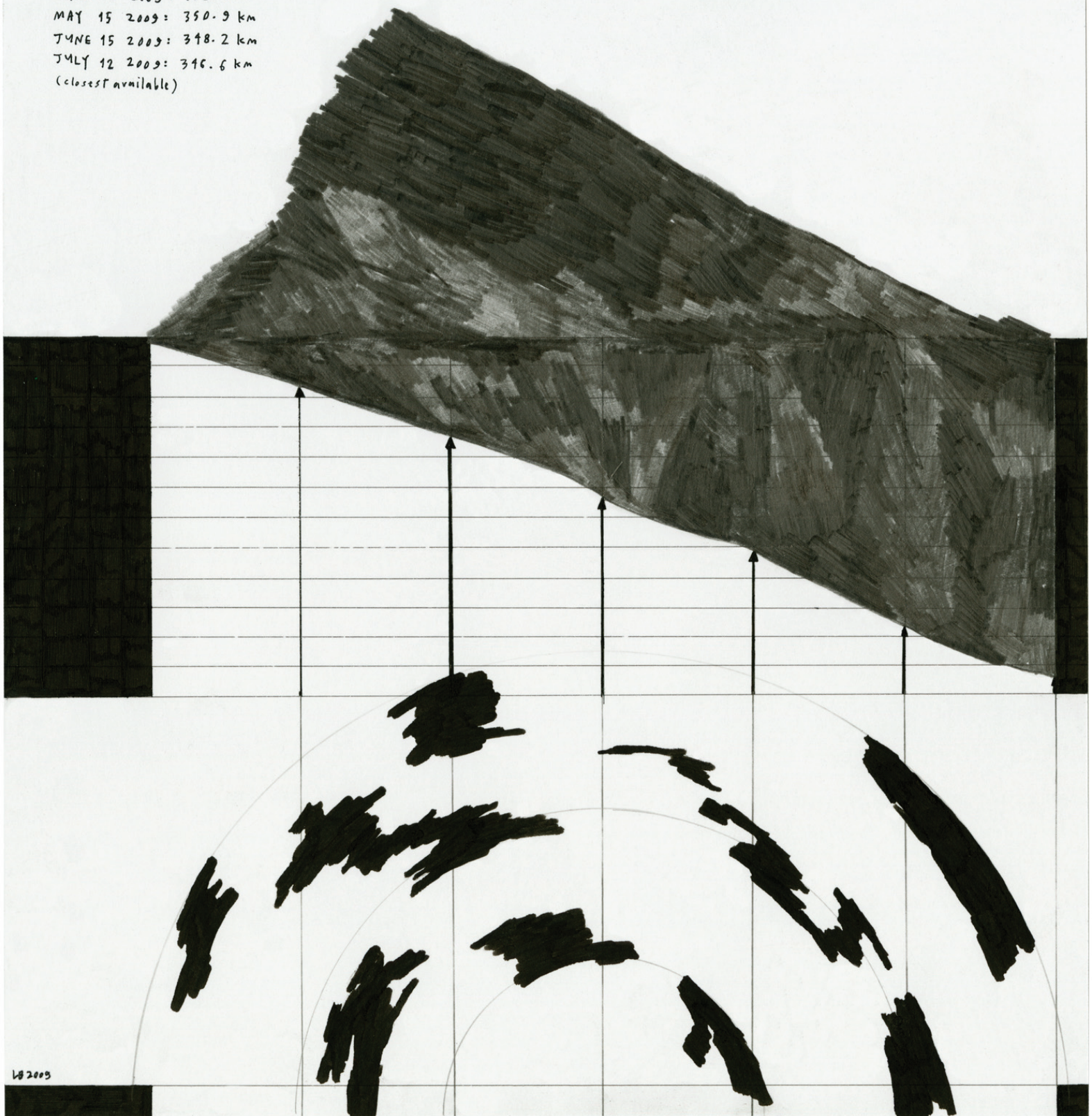


MID-MONTH DATA RECORDING THE MEAN ORBITAL HEIGHT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION (ISS) SHOWS THE STATION TO BE CONSIDERABLY LOWER IN ALTITUDE IN JULY THAN AFTER A JANUARY "RE-BOOST", A STANDARD DECLINE IN ALTITUDE CAUSED BY FLUCTUATING AMOUNTS OF ATMOSPHERIC DRAG

ISS MEAN ORBITAL HEIGHT

JANUARY 15 2009: 357.7 km
FEBRUARY 15 2009: 356.3 km
MARCH 15 2009: 354.7 km
APRIL 15 2009: 352.6 km
MAY 15 2009: 350.9 km
JUNE 15 2009: 348.2 km
JULY 12 2009: 346.6 km
(closest available)



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